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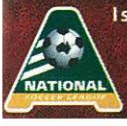

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The Lakers have been involved in 15 final series and finished as minor premiers three times. Although they have had a slow start to their season, the Melbourne team are never to be under-estimated.

This season, former player Danny Wright has returned from Queensland to take over the coaching job from Eddie Krncevic while former Socceroo goalkeeper Jeff Olver is still at the club as assistant coach. Danny has a good blend of youth and experience to work with this season. He said at the start of the season the club had lost players but signed very well and he thought he had a strong squad.

The coach will be looking to veteran defenders Fausto De Amicis and the ageless Mehmet Durakevic to hold things together while the return of goalkeeper Dean Anastasiadis is a big plus for the team.

Dean had two great seasons with Wollongong, including a grand final win - 2-1 over South Melbourne at Parramatta Stadium. Striker Vaughan Coveny is another ex-Wolf who went on to sign with South Melbourne. The Kiwi international looms as a big threat to his old club tonight.

Paul Trimboli has become a legend of the NSL in the South Melbourne midfield. He must always be respected by the opposition because of his experience and leadership qualities.

If the Wolves wanted crowd-pulling opponents to promote soccer in a regional area they came up with the right club in South Melbourne.

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Mayoral Welcome

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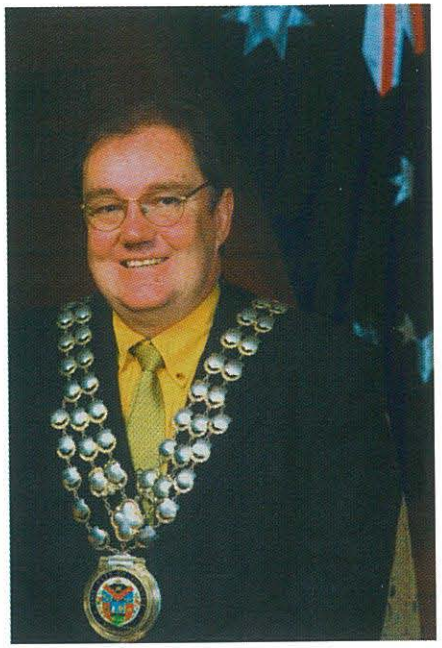

On behalf of the City of Orange I would like to extend a warm welcome to all visitors attending the Wollongong Wolves versus South Melbourne National Soccer League Match at Wade Park.

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To all visitors - Welcome - I am certain that you will have a terrific night and have an enjoyable stay in Orange "Australia's Colour City".

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Coach's Page; Ron Corry

Both teams will be in strange surroundings tonight and both are desperate to take home the three points.

Our loss to Newcastle last week was a real disappointment but we didn't play too badly overall and could quite easily have taken a point. There were controversies that caused a lot of comment after the game but that didn't change the result.

It was our first loss and it makes it important that we get back on the rails against South Melbourne. One South Melbourne player who will be keen to do well tonight is goalkeeper Dean Anastasiadis. He was with us at Wollongong for two seasons and I rate him highly. If we get any half-chances tonight my players know they must make the most of them.

Dean was one of the stars of our grand final win over South Melbourne two seasons back and he works hard on his game. The league looks very even at the moment with one or two surprise results every week.

At the weekend, the Adelaide Force raised a few eyebrows with that 3-2 away win against Brisbane Strikers. The Melbourne Knights proved they won't be any pushover with a 2-2 draw against Parramatta Power in Sydney.

The way the league looks, any team which can string two or three wins together will be in the thick of things. That is exactly what we need to do starting tonight. I have plenty of respect for South Melbourne, they always give you a very difficult 90 minutes.

They appear to have lost personnel from last season but coach Danny Wright has done a good job filling the gaps. It will be a different experience watching tonight's game at a ground none have us have been to previously.

I hope it proves a big success and the people who have come to watch it are entertained.

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Club Captain's Page; Stuart Young

Like all the Wolves players I am looking forward to tonight's big game.

It is something completely new for the club and our board is to be applauded for making the move. I am told there are many young people playing soccer in the Orange-Bathurst area and watching tonight's game might inspire them to think of playing in the NSL.

I know that when I was a youngster in England, watching the top players "in the flesh" was a great thrill. My mates and I used to watch every bit of the action and pick out our favourite players.

In any sport, boys and girls must have players to try and emulate - it is a major part of their development. We have come to Orange after a mixed start to the season, our best result having been that 3-1 away win against Brisbane Strikers.

Things have been quiet on the home front as we have played scoreless draws against Parramatta Power and the Football Kingz (Auckland) at WIN Stadium. We were hoping that last week's visit to Newcastle would have established us among the pacesetters for the first half of the season.

Unfortunately we went down 2-0 in a very tight game which included controversial decisions by the man in the middle. After the game we were all disappointed but heartened by the fact we could easily have claimed a point. There is still a long way to go.

Tonight we face a tough game against South Melbourne, who are always hard to beat no matter where they are on the points table. South Melbourne have very good players all over the park and they are always difficult to break down at the back.

From a play-off viewpoint it is important we get something from tonight's game and win our following two outings against Sydney United (away) and Northern Spirit (home) before travelling to Perth to tackle the Glory. I hope you enjoy tonight's game and don't forget, the Wolves are the home team.

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Round 4 Man of the Match; Shane Lyons

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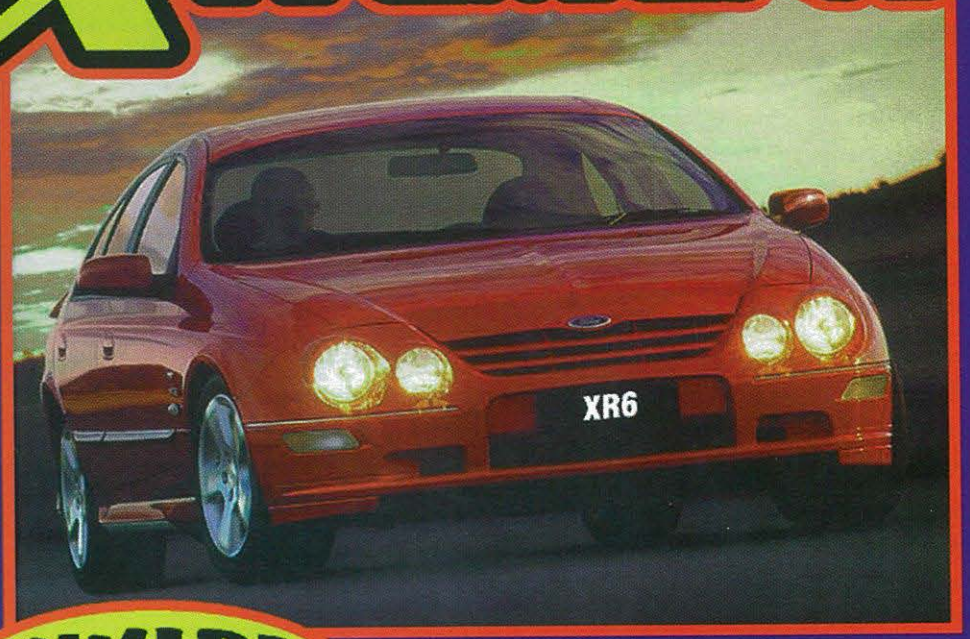

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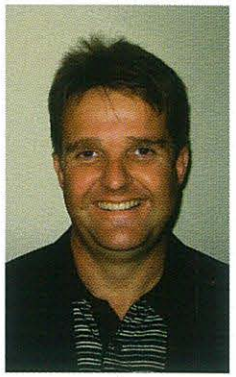

It is the first time we have taken one of our home games to a NSW regional centre. My board is very confident the game will be a success and prove entertaining for the soccer fans of the Central West.

I would like to thank everyone involved in helping us stage the game here, particularly the Orange City Council and WIN TV. It hasn't been an easy task but if it helps to promote the world game in the area it will have been all worthwhile.

Tonight soccer fans will have the opportunity to see two of the big guns of the NSL in action. South Melbourne have been one of the most successful clubs since the league started back in 1977. The Wolves became involved in 1981, and in recent years have become very successful.

Our club is privately owned, having been taken over by a group of stakeholders in recent years. Since then, we have won two championships and become Oceania Club Champions during a tournament staged in Port Moresby.

The Wollongong district has been one of the strongholds of Australian soccer for more than 100 years and produced many international players. The 'gong figures prominently in the history of the round-ball game.

It was only fitting that the Wolves should enter the NSL and represent the city all over Australia and overseas (Port Moresby). We are proud of what our team has achieved.

I sincerely hope you enjoy tonight's game and mabe some day you might be in the crowd at WIN Stadium to watch the boys in action.

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Round 4 Youth Man of the Match; Matt Werakso

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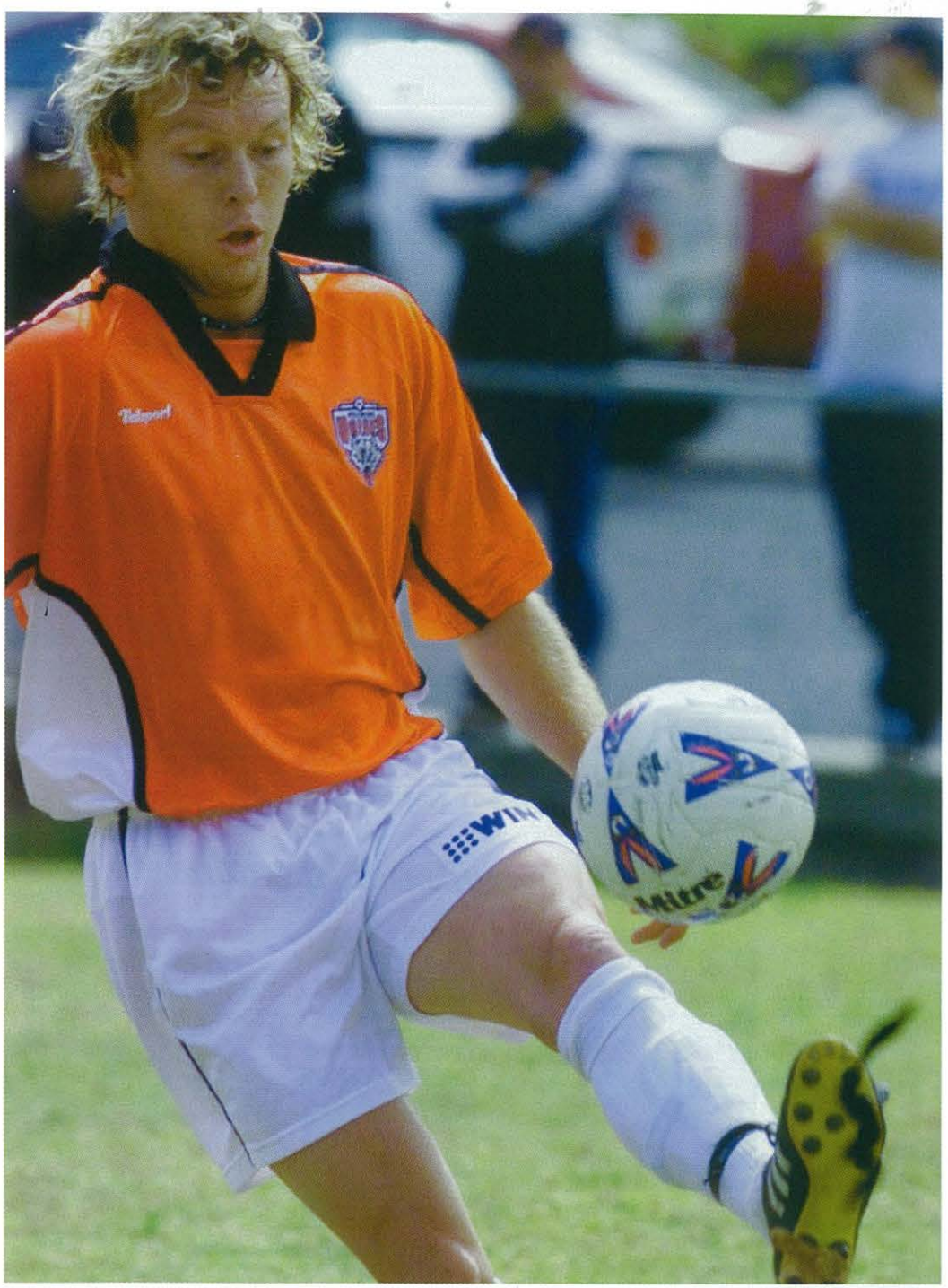

Last home game's Man of the Match, Shane Lyons in action at training. Photo by Orlando Chiodo

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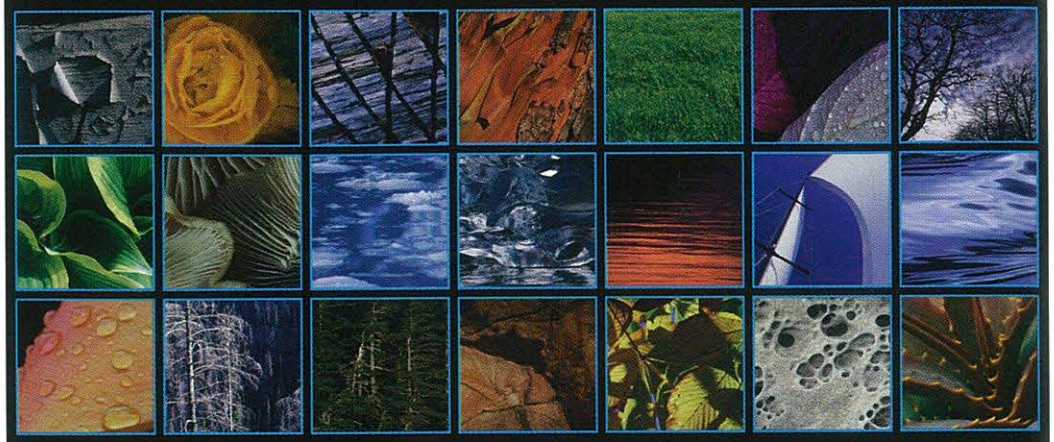

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NSL Points Table

after Round 5

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Points
Olympic Sharks	5	3	2	0	10	4	11
Newcastle United	5	3	0	2	9	3	9
Perth Glory	5	3	0	2	7	6	9
Adelaide City Force	4	2	2	0	8	6	8
Northern Spirit	5	2	1	2	7	13	7
Football Kingz	5	1	3	1	6	4	6
Sydney United	4	1	3	0	4	2	6
Melbourne Knights	4	1	3	0	5	4	6
Wollongong Wolves	**5**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**5**	**5**	**6**
South Melbourne	4	1	1	2	5	6	4
Parramatta Power	5	0	3	2	5	8	3
Brisbane Strikers	5	1	0	4	8	13	3
Marconi Stallions	4	0	1	3	3	8	1

Other matches this round

Fri 25th	Marconi Stallions vs Parramatta Power	venue: Marconi Stadium	k.o. 7:30pm
Sat 26th	Olympic Sharks vs Newcastle United	venue: Toyota Park	k.o. 7:30pm
Sun 27th	Adelaide City Force vs Football Kingz	venue: Hindmarsh Stadium	k.o. 3:00pm
Sun 27th	Perth Glory vs Sydney United	venue: Perth Oval	k.o. 4:00pm
Sun 27th	Melbourne Knights vs Brisbane Strikers	venue: Knights Stadium	k.o. 6:00pm
Bye	Northern Spirit		

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Season Draw 2001-2002

Rnd.	Date	Day	Time	Opponent	Venue	Score
1	20.9.02	Fri.	7:30 pm	Marconi Stallions	Marconi Stadium	2 - 2
2	**27.9.02**	**Fri.**	**7:30 pm**	**Parramatta Power**	**WIN Stadium**	**0 - 0**
3	5.10.02	Sat.	7:00 pm	Brisbane Strikers	Ballymore Stadium	3 - 1
4	**11.10.02**	**Fri.**	**7:30 pm**	**Football Kingz**	**WIN Stadium**	**0 - 0**
5	18.10.02	Fri.	7:30 pm	Newcastle United	Energy Australia Stdm.	0 - 2
6	**26.10.02**	**Sat.**	**7:30 pm**	**South Melbourne**	**Wade Park, Orange**	
7	3.11.02	Sun.	6:00 pm	Sydney United	S.U.S.C.*	
8	**10.11.02**	**Sun.**	**6:30 pm**	**Northern Spirit**	**WIN Stadium**	
9	17.11.02	Sun.	4:00 pm	Perth Glory	Perth Oval	
10				*- Bye -*		
11	TBA	TBA	TBA	Sydney Olympic	Toyota Park	
12	**8.12.02**	**Sun.**	**6:30 pm**	**Adelaide City Force**	**WIN Stadium**	
13	15.12.02	Sun.	6:00 pm	Melbourne Knights	Knights Stadium	
14	22.12.02	Sun.	6:30 pm	Parramatta Power	Parramatta Stadium	
15	**27.12.02**	**Fri.**	**7:30 pm**	**Marconi Stallions**	**WIN Stadium**	
16	**3.1.03**	**Fri.**	**7:30 pm**	**Brisbane Strikers**	**WIN Stadium**	
17	10.01.03	Fri.	7:30 pm	Football Kingz	TBA	
18	**19.1.03**	**Sun.**	**6:30 pm**	**Newcastle United**	**WIN Stadium**	
19	26.1.03	Sun.	7:00 pm	South Melbourne	Bob Jane Stadium	
20	**30.1.03**	**Fri.**	**7:30 pm**	**Sydney United**	**WIN Stadium**	
21	TBA	TBA	TBA	Northern Spirit	Brookvale Oval	
22	**16.2.03**	**Sun.**	**6:30 pm**	**Perth Glory**	**WIN Stadium**	
23				*- Bye -*		
24	**28.2.03**	**Fri.**	**7:30 pm**	**Olympic Sharks**	**WIN Stadium**	
25	7.3.03	Fri.	8:00 pm	Adelaide City Force	Hindmarsh Stadium	
26	**TBA**	**TBA**	**TBA**	**Melbourne Knights**	**WIN Stadium**	

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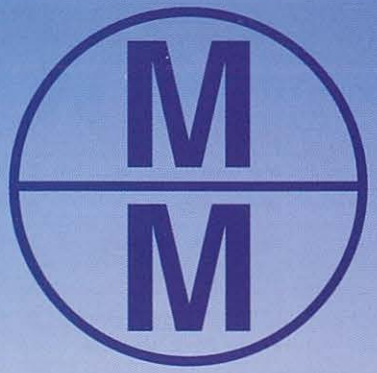

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Round Review

Round 5

Friday 18th October - Sunday 20th October

Newcastle United	**2**	**Goals by:** J Griffiths 17', T Dodd 87'	
Wollongong Wolves	**0**		
Venue: Energy Aust. Stadium		**Referee:** Brett Hugo	**Crowd:** 7,187
Sydney United	**1**	**Goals by:** C Menapi 38'	
Northern Spirit	**1**	**Goals by:** A McDermott 43'	
Venue: Sydney United Sport Centre		**Referee:** Con Diomis	**Crowd:** 5,352
Parramatta Power	**2**	**Goals by:** D Piorkowski (own goal) 38', D Brown 75'	
Melbourne Knights	**2**	**Goals by:** L Lapsansky 68', R Vargas 93'	
Venue: Parramatta Stadium		**Referee:** Peter Green	**Crowd:** 2,450
South Melbourne	**2**	**Goals by:** P Buljan 61', M Baird 66'	
Perth Glory	**0**		
Venue: Bob Jane Stadium		**Referee:** Perry Mur	**Crowd:** 6,194
Brisbane Strikers	**2**	**Goals by:** F Rech 18', P Grierson 23'	
Adelaide City Force	**3**	**Goals by:** C Pelosi 66', 77', A Vidmar 79'	
Venue: Ballymore Stadium		**Referee:** Derek Rugg	**Crowd:** 1,840
Football Kingz	**2**	**Goals by:** P Almendra 52', 81' pen	
Olympic Sharks	**2**	**Goals by:** A Packer 51', J Harris 54'	
Venue: Ericsson Stadium		**Referee:** Ben Williams	**Crowd:** 2,804

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Sponsored by the Tory group, the van will be placed in front of the western grandstand at all Wolves games played at WIN Stadium. It will also be available at coaching clinics, coaching camps and will travel to all Wolves promotions.

Director Mario Mastroianni, the club's hard-working merchandising officer, is confident the van will be a big hit with Wolves supporters. He said the club increases its sales of merchandising every season. Why not drop down to the van tonight and check out the items on sale.

The new Wolves merchandise van which is sure to be a big hit with fans right through the season - particularly around Christmas!

Season Statistics

Date	Opponents	F-A	Att.	Andrew Crews 1	Liam Austin 2	Jacob Timpano 3	Robert Stanton 4	David Cervinski 5	Alex Castro 6	Dustin Wells 7	Shane Lyons 8	Sean Babic 9	Stuart Young 10	Naum Sekulovski 11	Aaron O'Brien 12	Dean Heffernan 13	Buddy Farah 14	David Huxley 15	Matthew Galea 16	Shane Lockhart 17	Andrew Smith 18	Harvey Rodriguez 19	Scott Whalan 20	Vedran Jaganjac 21	Daniel Aliffi 22	Dino Mennilo 23
20/9	Marconi Stallions	2-2	3,972	▶	▶▲	▶▲	▶	▶▲	▶	▶	▶	▶▲	▶	▶◀2		▶▲	▶▲	▶					▶			
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5/10	Brisbane Strikers	3-1	2,065	▶	▶	▶▲	▼	▶		▶▲	▶▲	▶◀1	▶◀2			▶▲	▶	▶							▶▲	
11/10	Football Kingz •	0-0	3,681	▶	▶		▶	▶	▶▲	▶▲	▶	▶▲	▶	▶		▶▲	▶	▶								
18/10	Newcastle United	0-2	7,187	▶	▶		▶	▶	▶▲	▶▲	▶	▶	▶	▶			▶	▶								

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At the recent season launch at West Illawarra, 14 companies went into the draw under the new system. In the past, backers had drawn every player in the squad - last season there were 23 players. That system wasn't quite fair as some sponsors didn't see much of their players in the senior team. A perfect example were real estate "giants" Martin, Morris and jones. They would have been happy to have drawn team captain George Souris but George was plagued by injuries and missed 17 games. This season, sponsors have been able to draw positions and replacements rather than individual players.

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Dustin Wells

AGE: 19.
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CAREER HIGHLIGHT: Australian schoolboys.
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS TEAM: Newcastle Utd.
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: David Beckham.
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'Hux' is a local Hero

Wolves midfielder David Huxley (number 15) will be the player local fans "adopt" at Wade Park tonight.

"Hux" to his team-mates has close ties to the Orange district, including his grandparents Austin and June Hamilton, his mum's brother and several cousins. The family were originally from Manildra but David was born in Sydney. He said it would be nice to go to Orange to play a game and have relatives in the crowd barracking for the Wolves.

David has been with the Wolves for six seasons after moving from State league club Parramatta Melita. He has developed into one of the NSL's most effective midfielders and played a part in the Wolves back-to-back championship successes. After a reasonable start to the season, David believes the Wolves can again make the playoffs.

He said there are several new faces in the side and they seem to be blending in with the players who were at the club last season. "I think the main chances of championship success this season, apart from Wollongong, will be Sydney Olympic, but Newcastle and Perth Glory can never be left out," David said. "The Glory fans must me wondering if they are ever destined to win the grand final.

"They lost to us in Perth and last season went down to Olympic in Perth. "In between, the were at home and lost to Melbourne Knights one game short of the grand final. "Maybe the Glory fans might prefer to play the big games away from home to ease the pressure on their players."

David expects a very difficult game from South Melbourne tonight. He said the two teams always have very tight games with the Wolves having had the better of things in recent years. "South Melbourne have a long history of success and they will be keen to make a big impact. "The three points on offer for this game in Orange are very important; the local fans can forget all about this being an exhibition game."

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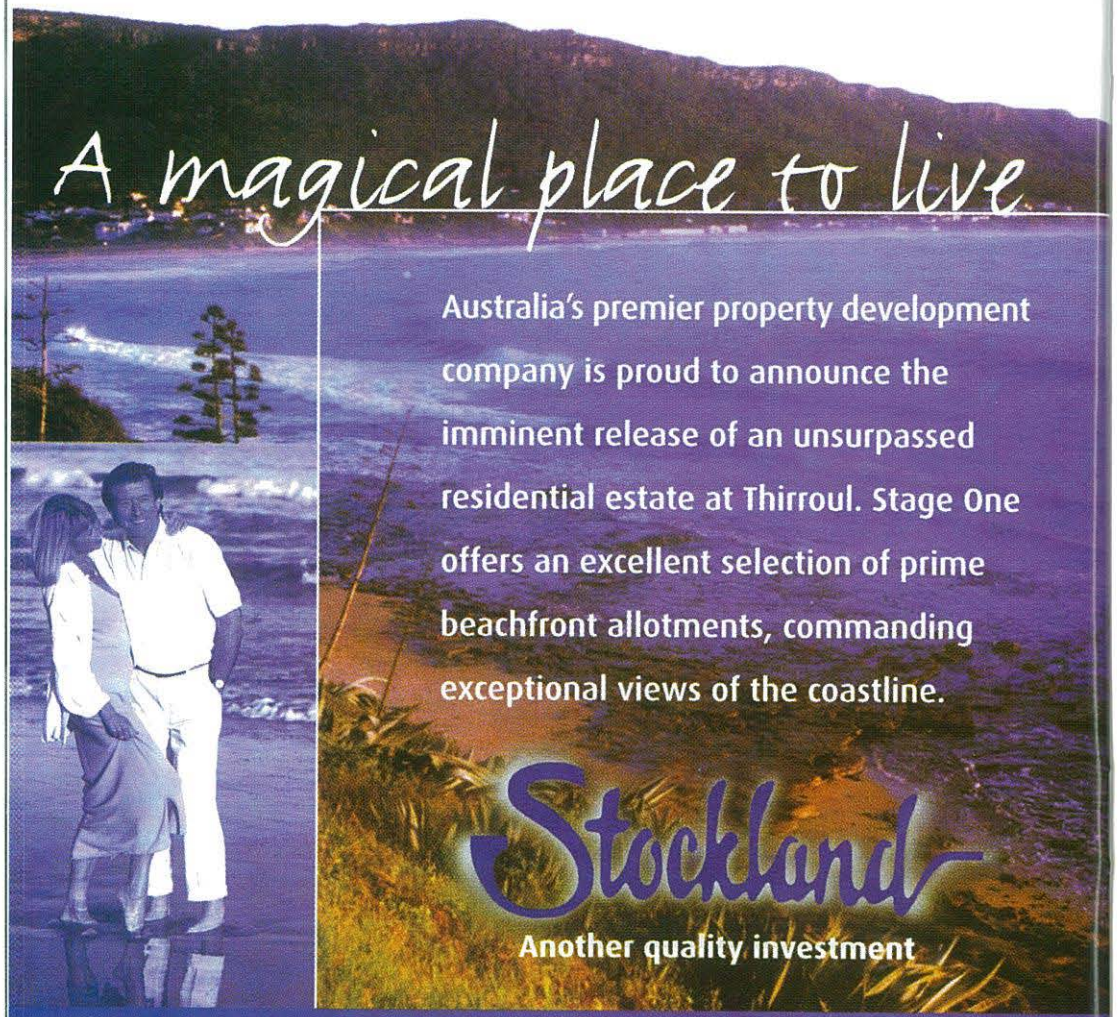

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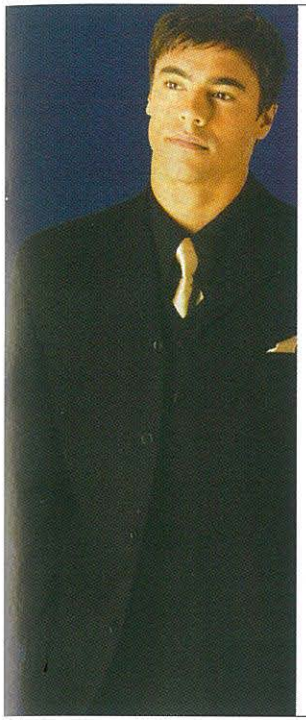

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Coming Events

Wolves players and supporters are getting in some serious practice for the **Wolves annual golf day.** Some take it as seriously as the British Open, some go along to meet the players and enjoy the social atmosphere. It is just a great day and one of the highlights of the soccer season. Port Kembla is the venue and November 25 is the date.

The cost of sponsoring a hole is $550 and they are going fast while it will cost $220 for a team of four to get into the draw. That includes a barbecue lunch and refreshments in addition to some very good trophies. Contact Susan or Greg at the Wolves office as soon as possible.

Meantime, the club's **auction night** will be staged late in February. This is always a very big event and a great money-spinner for the club. Big Ears has discovered there will be a very valuable item going under the hammer this season.

Former tennis champion Greg Burgess, the Wolves marketing guru, has donated a special tennis racquet to be auctioned. It was the one he used many years ago when he played the great Panch Gonzales at the old MacCabe Park courts. It is now Illawarra tennis folklore how Greg lost 6-0, 6-0, 6-0 to Pancho.

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New Directors

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At the recent annual meeting, John Carson and Bruce Cunningham became directors. They take over from former chairman Joe Cachia and Sean Ryan (WIN). Both didn't seek re-election because they had to devote more time to business.

Joe, who now gets also more spare time for fishing expeditions, was chairman during the glory days when our team won back-to-back NSL championships. He said he will still be a strong supporter of the club and felt it had a sound future.

John is a successful developer and owner of the Wollongong Hawks. Wolves supporters this season will be hoping John becomes involved with national title success in two different sports. Two years ago, he led the Hawks to a dramatic National Basketball League championship success in the best of three grand final against Townsville Crocs.

Bruce has been involved with the Wolves previously as the Soccer Illawarra representative. He is a current member of the Soccer Illawarra judiciary board. Neil Greig will continue in the role of acting chairman.

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Youth Team Report

by Eddie Tesoro

The boys knew we were up for a difficult match where we were to take on the might of the Newcastle United in Newcastle.

It was the trip up with everything that could go against you will when you get there. With our normal preparation that we organised as last season and the boys fully focused I knew we were in for a good game. We didn't start well and it was Newcastle that started better and dominated the midfield. Adam Hughes one of their first team players and with a little luck Newcastle could have been up 2-0 in that 20 minute spell with our boys asking the questions. In the meantime young Justin Pasfield was seeing the ball like a huge beach balloon and was pulling off save after save.

After 20 minutes gone, it was John Majourovski who opened the scoring and was in the right place as a striker should be, 1-0 to the Wolves. As the game progressed we were still having problems with our midfield and trying to play with good combination play from Matt Galea who was returning from a six week operation and was finding it hard to breath, though as usual worked hard and it was the second goal to come again from Dino Mennillo to make it 2-0 and this was the score at the break.

Luckily I went to church a few days before, as the Gods were smiling upon us. We weren't playing well, and had to lift our game in that second stanza. We started to play and dominate though Newcastle could have come into the game where a penalty decision came their way and it was Justin Pasfield who came to the rescue with a great save to keep the sheet clean. Then off a corner kick at the other end, Matt Galea long corner to the far post and Majourovski 3-0 to kill off Newcastle. To rub salt into the wounds it was Dino to get our fourth through a great team play with a Daniel Aliffi through pass for a great finish.

A fantastic result for the boys even though not convincing but always good to take points away from Newcastle in Newcastle, it was a long and enjoyable trip home. Justin Pasfield got 'man of the match'. Hope to see you all at our next home game against ACTAS from Canberra at Balls Paddock on Friday night, 6pm kick off.

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Parramatta Power Youth	3	2	1	0	9	2	7
Olympic Sharks Youth	4	2	1	1	5	1	7
Northern Spirit Youth	4	2	1	1	4	2	7
Canberra Deakin	4	2	0	2	9	5	6
Newcastle United Youth	3	1	2	0	3	2	5
Wollongong Wolves Youth	**3**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**7**	**5**	**4**
AIS	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Marconi Stallions Youth	3	1	0	2	3	4	3
QAS	2	1	0	1	2	5	3
Marconi Mustangs	3	0	1	2	1	9	1
ACTAS	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
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3 Wade Scherini
4 Matt Werakso
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Meet the Wolves

Watch out for the Wolf! He will be on the prowl at Wade Park tonight to encourage the Wolves and meet local kids. He might even have a big bag of lollies to distribute to the crowd. The Wolf has become a great favourite with Wolves fans and has also travelled to many away games over the years. At home games, Wollongong youngsters take part in chase the wolf during the half-time break.

Fullback Shane Lyons is having his first season with the Wolves but he is already a firm favourite at WIN Stadium. He is the son of former Manly rugby league great Cliff Lyons, who is now a regular at Wolves games. Shane was formerly with the defunct Canberra Cosmos club, but has settled in very well in Wollongong.

Wolves captain and striker Stuart Young was once on the books of Arsenal. He played in the Gunners youth team, later played in the lower divisions and had great success in Singapore's S League. Stuart collected the golden boot award as the top scorer in that league but admits the move to Australia was the best he has made. Now naturalised, the dinky-di striker has settled in Wollongong with wife Claire and their two children.

The Wolves were involved in the greatest ever NSL grand final. Three seasons back, Wollongong met Perth Glory at Subiaco Oval in front of 43,000 people. At half-time, the Glory led 3-0 and it seemed all over. However goals from Scott Chipperfield, Matt Horsley and Paul Reid allowed the Wolves to level at 3-3 after 90 minutes. It was the same after extra time then Wollongong won an amazing penalty shootout eight goals to seven.

Defender David "Shovel" Cervinski has a great grand final pedigree, having made six grand final appearances. Originally from Geelong. David moved to Melbourne to play with Melbourne Croatia and later played with Carlton before signing with Wollongong. He played in both Wollongong's grand final wins against Perth and South Melbourne. Like Stuart Young, David loves Wollongong and has settled there with wife, Sam, and their two children.

The Wolves started off in the NSL playing at Wollongong Showground, complete with its greyhound track. Games were then played at Ziems Park, Corrimal, for a short time. Wollongong's soccer team then moved to Brandon Park in 1988 when the complex was opened. That ground will soon become part of a Wollongong University technology park. The Wolves now play home games at WIN Stadium and have received a State Government grant to relocate training grounds and administrative buildings to Figtree Recreation Ground.

The Wolves are the reigning Oceania club champions. They won the title two years ago during an 18-day tournament in Port Moresby playing against the club champions from all over Oceania. Originally the winners were to go to Spain to contest the World club championships but problems within FIFA caused that event to be abandoned. That was a bitter disappointment to board members and players who would have received a cash windfall from the trip to Spain. FIFA has since provided a compensation package to the Wolves but nothing near the amount they would have made from playing in the finals.

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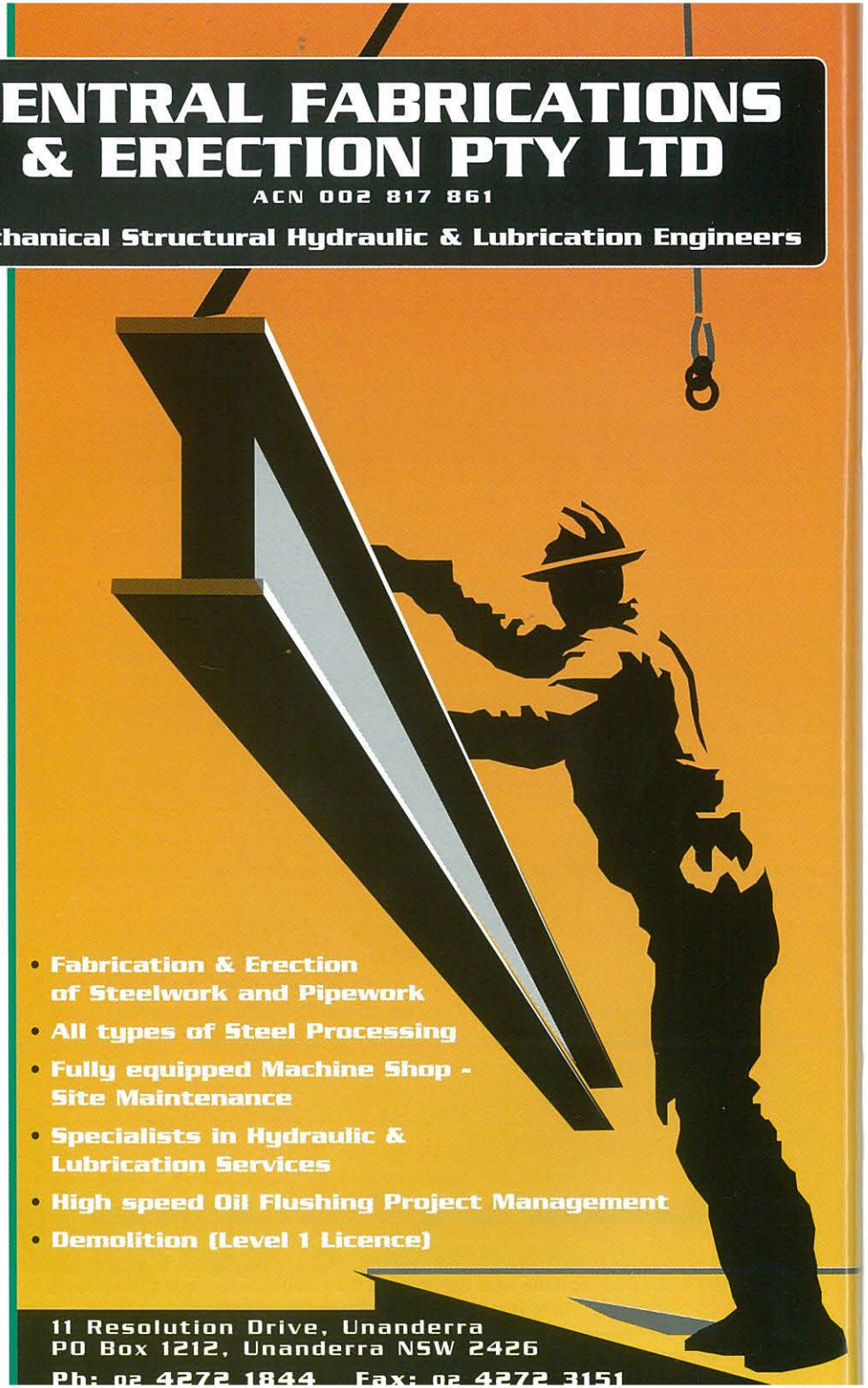

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Club History

The birth of the Wollongong Wolves took place in 1980 after Australian Soccer Federation chairman Sir Arthur George gave the green light.

His announcement caused plenty of interest in Wollongong, one of the strongholds of soccer for more than a century. Corrimal Rangers and Balgownie have both celebrated their centenaries and are part of Australian soccer folklore. Laurie Kelly, former Speaker of the House in State Parliament, after who the grandstand at Brandon Park was named, was the first chairman. Other chairmen have been Brian Hastings, Doug Symes and Joe Cachia.

The Wolves engaged former Manchester United youth player Ken Morton as coach and signed former Everton defender Chris Dunleavy as captain. A wide recruitment campaign was launched before Wollongong City, as they were known then, made their NSL debut in February, 1981. It was against Sydney Olympic, coached by Scot Tommy Docherty, at Wollongong Showground (now WIN Stadium). The game drew about 8000 fans and resulted in a 3-1 win for the Wollongong team.

Jimmy McBreen scored the club's first league goal and Kiwi international Clive Campbell added another two in the second half. A week later, Wollongong beat reigning champions Heidelberg 3-0 at Olympic Park (Melbourne) in a very one-sided game. Wollongong were the talk of the NSL for a while but injuries and suspensions took their toll and Morton's team finished in the bottom half of the league. Their first success of note came in 1988 when the side coached by former player John Fleming won the minor premiership. A 1-1 draw against Sydney Croatia at Edensor Park in the last game of the season left the Wollongong team on top of the table.

During that season, backer Harry Michaels spent a lot of money bringing guest players to Wollongong. They included former English international Trevor Francis and ex-Scottish international Alan Brazil. They had long returned home by the time Fleming's team clinched the minor premiership. David Ratcliffe,a former Socceroo defender, had six seasons as coach and twice took his team into the playoffs. Berti Mariani took over, but after a short period in charge, was replaced by Nick Theodorakopoulos. In his third season, the Wolves won the championship in an epic grand final against Perth Glory at Subiaco Oval. Theodorakopolis moved on and Ron Corry led the team to success in the Oceania Club Championship staged over 18 days in Port Moresby.

Despite that major interruption to their season, the Wolves still marched to another grand final. This time it was closer to home. They took on South Melbourne at Parramatta Stadium and triumphed 2-1. With the loss of players such as Matt Horsley, Scott Chipperfield, Sasho Petrovski and hit hard by injuries, Wollongong had a poor campaign by their standards last season. Some new faces have hit WIN Stadium this season and Corry's team is looking promising.

The club has had many fine players wear their colours over 22 seasons. Many claim Uruguayan loan player Saul Rivero was the best. Unfortunately Rivero was the victim of some crude tackling and returned home. Wollongong supporters could only dream of what might have been if he had been able to produce his silky skills over two or three seasons.

The late Phil O'Connor was a great player and won international honours for Australia as a left winger even though he learned his football in England. His life was tragically cut short in a car accident. Matt Horsley played with the Wolves for 10 years and was a local product who became an inspirational captain. Another local boy, Scott Chipperfield, won two titles with the Wolves then helped Basle to win the Swiss championship six months later.

Sasho Petrovski is playing professionally in Denmark while Paul Reid, one of the heroes of Subiaco Oval, recently signed with English club Bradford City and another, goalkeeper Les Pogliacomi, is with Oldham in the same division. The Wolves were for years described as battlers of the NSL - no-one really thought they could win a championship, let alone two in as many years. These days the club is highly respected, well-run and produces many promising young players through its junior ranks. The board is proud to be able to bring their team to Orange.

Phil O'Connor battles with Sydney City defender, Saul Rivero at training. Photos courtesy of the Illawarra Mercury

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NEEDLE MATCH - A very tight game and one which results in some players being taken to hospital for stitches.

CROWD TROUBLE - Twenty-two sweaty players heading towards just one shower and it is usually cold.

WINGER - Player strategically placed near the touch line so the referee's assistant will have someone to talk to.

RUNNING - Popular method of getting around the field - not as popular as walking to some players.

REFLEX SAVE - When the ball hits the goalkeeper in the stomach.

ROBBED - Two-all with a minute to go and someone steals the bag containing players' wallets and watches.

ADVANTAGE RULE - Ploy used by a referee after he has dropped his whistle.

NET - Twine mesh material surrounding back of goal. Reminds goalkeeper of which way he should be facing.

LATE TACKLE - One which flattens player as he is walking through the dressing room door.

GENIUS - A player who can explain the off-side rule to his wife.

FIVE-A-SIDE - Situation before the kick-off on the first day of daylight saving.

BREATHER - Period of time it takes to allow the lungs to catch up with the legs.

BACK PASS - The obvious term used when you score an own goal.

AGGRESSIVE - Term used to describe player who flattens two team-mates during the warm-up.

CLEAN SHEET - What a goalkeeper achieves when the opposing strikers continually miss sitters.

TIGHTROPE - Something a coach walks as he tries to balance his team of players who are good at football and those who squeal when they are dropped.

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The future looks rosy

Wollongong Wolves have a very strong junior set-up with dozens of talented boys striving to make it into the NSL.

The clubs fields teams in the State League from cadets (under 11s and under 12s) to under 13's, under 14s, under 15s and under 17s. In the season which concluded recently, the under 17s were easily the most successful. They made it to the grand final, where they beat Blacktown City 2-1.

The game was a dramatic affair after the teams had meet four times previously during the season. In those games, both teams recorded two wins apiece and scored five goals each - it doesn't get any closer than that. In the grand final, Wollongong, striker Dez Giraldi, son of former Wolves striker Robbie, headed in on the far post to give his side the lead.

Reuben Zlatkovic, who provided the cross for the first goal, scored the second and Wollongong were up 2-0 after 24 minutes. Blacktown pulled a goal back before putting plenty of pressure on the Wollongong defence in the final 20 minutes. Some of the Wollongong players have graduated to the club's youth squad for the current NSL season.

GIRLS PLAY THEIR PART.

The Wolves also have women's teams in seniors, under 21s, under 16s and under 12s. The seniors finished sixth of 11 in a very competitive league while the under 21 side performed magnificently to win their grand final.

In under 16s, Wollongong were just a goal away from a place in the grand final while the under 12s (having their first season) finished fifth. The under 21s defeated Marconi 2-1 to take their championship trophy with goals from Kelly Maryvale and Ann Boatswain.

They had earlier lost 4-2 to Marconi in a semi-final and had to beat Northern NSW 1-0 to earn another crack at that team.

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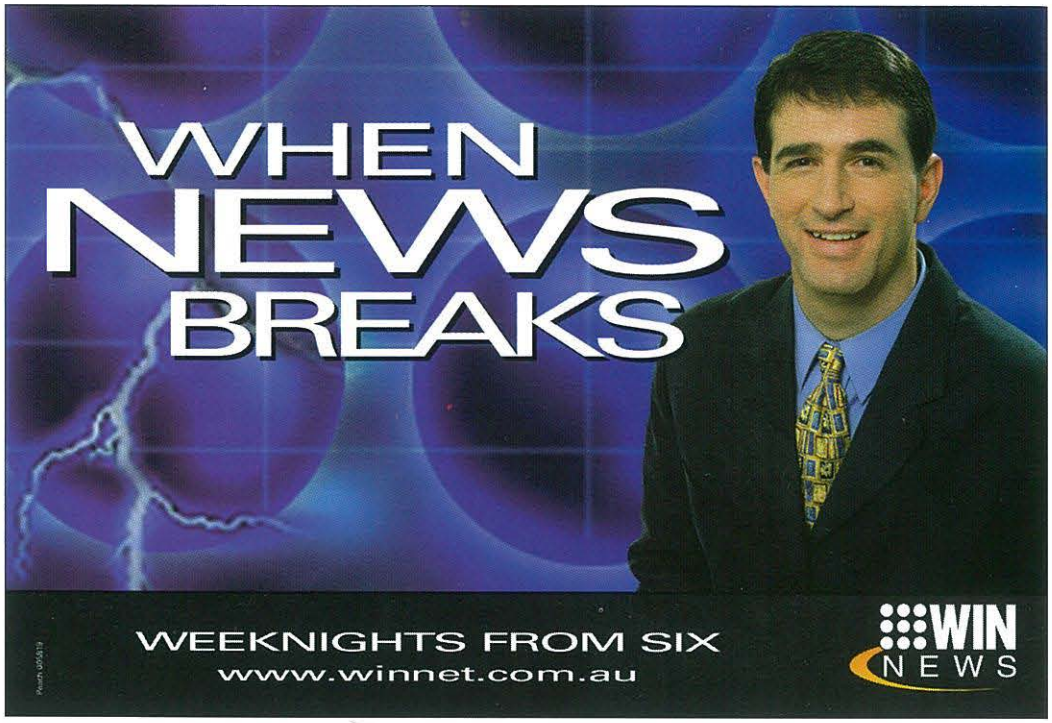

Roo Ball

When the Wolves play home games at WIN Stadium, the roo ball is always very popular with supporters.

There are 18 clubs involved this season and they enter their under 10 teams in the series which is sponsored by M and M Trophies at Warilla. Some of the skills shown by the youngsters is proof that the future of soccer in Wollongong is in good hands.

Before the last Wolves home game against the Football Kingz from Auckland, Bulli played Shellharbour and Thirroul went in against Fernhill. Bulli beat Shellharbour 1-0 while Thirroul edged out Fernhill on corners. The next roo ball games will be played at WIN Stadium on Sunday, November 10, prior to the NSL game against Northern Spirit.

The teams involved will be Corrimal v Helensburgh and Woonona v Port Kembla. The roo ball final will be played before the Wolves game against Melbourne Knights in March. There were more than 6000 junior players (boys and girls) registered in the Illawarra district last season.

Oak Flats were the most successful club with five teams making it through to grand finals and they were all successful. Neighbours Albion Park won three grand finals.

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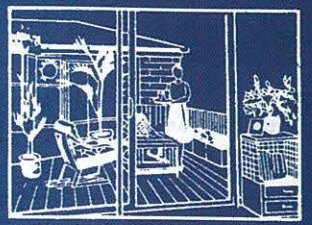
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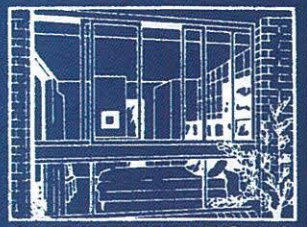
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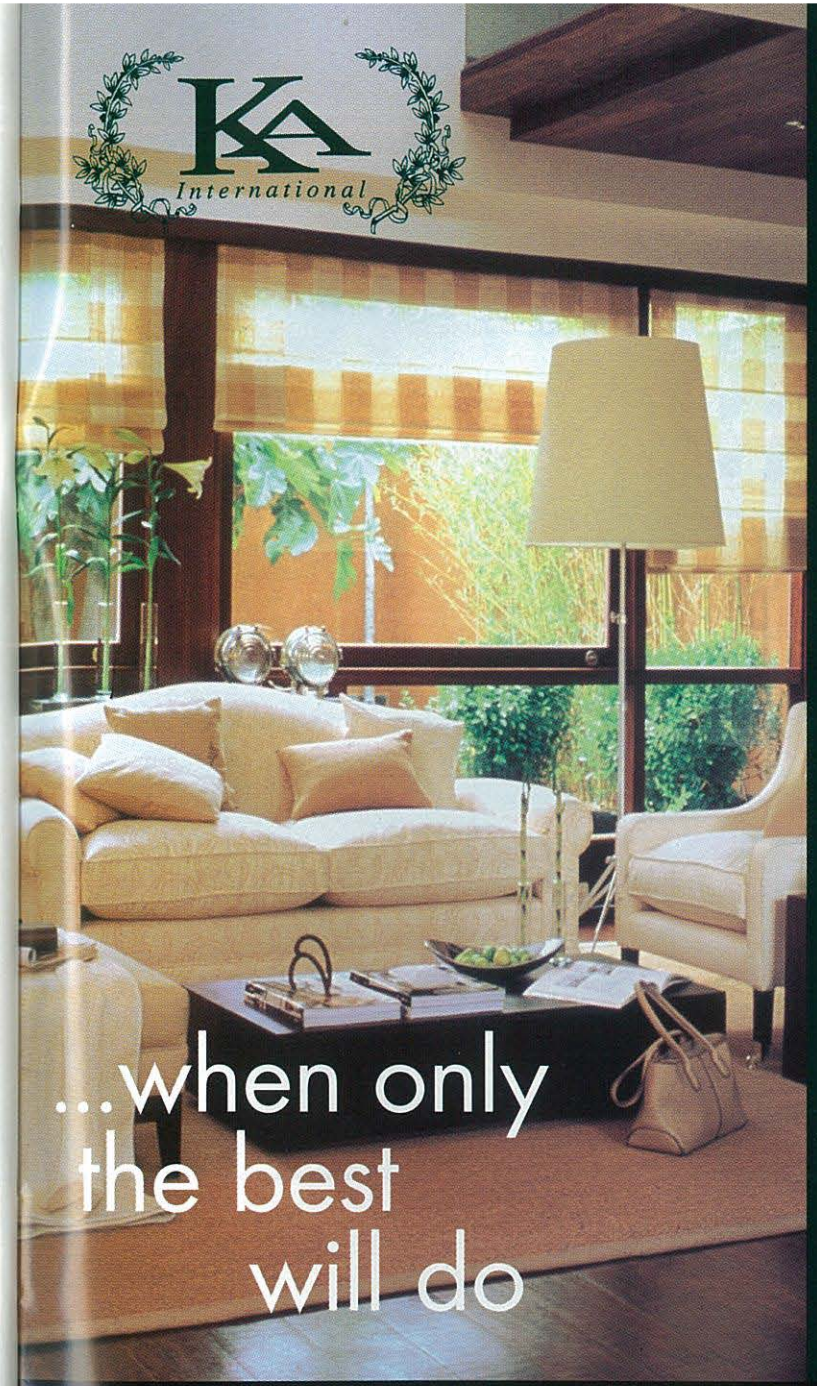

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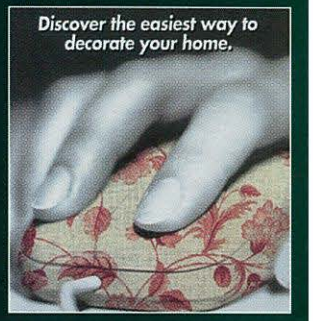

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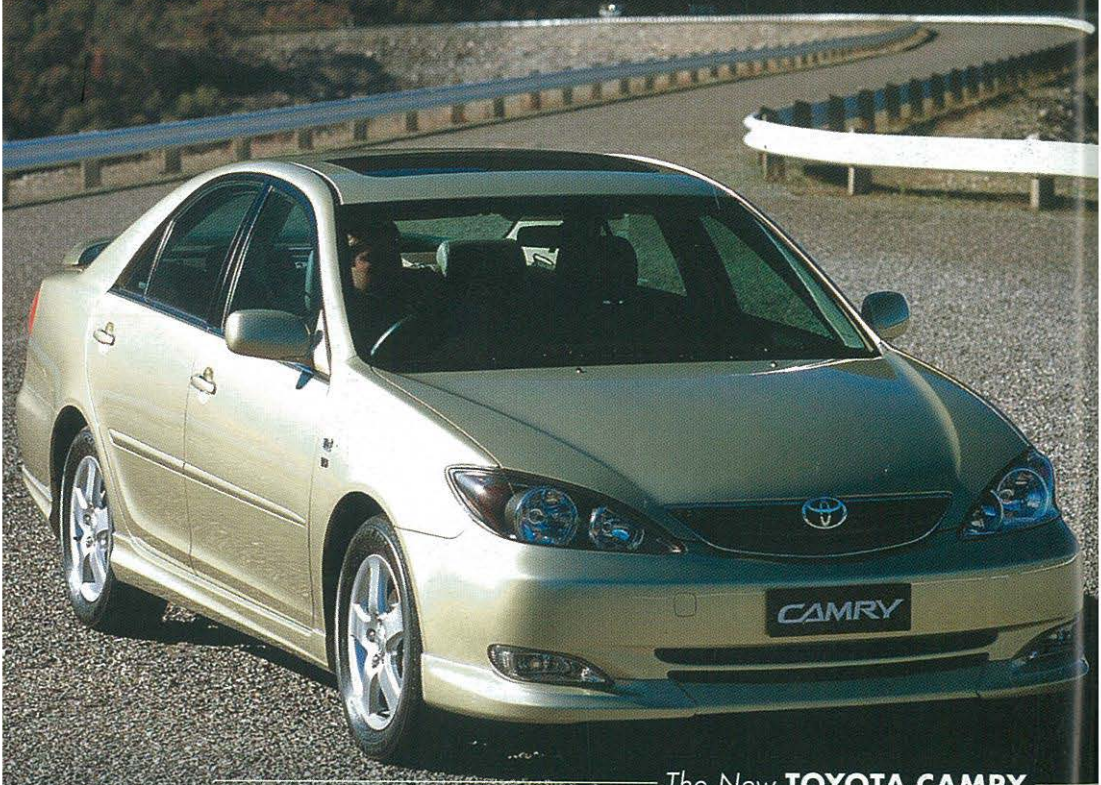

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